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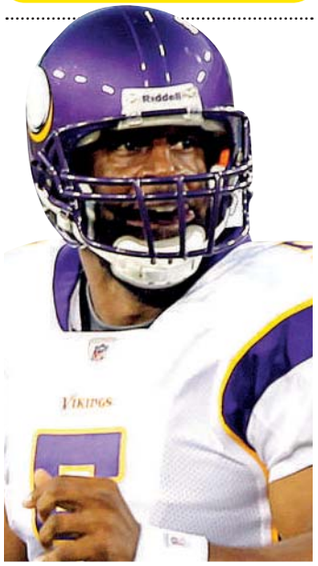

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Opposition supporters in Benghazi, Libya, celebrate recent news of uprising in Tripoli on Sunday.

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ENTHUSIASM

Unless It Hatched a Dragon, No Egg Can Be This Exciting

A Raleigh County, W.Va., man says he has what may be the world's smallest chicken egg. Donnie Russell said he found the 2.1-centimeter-long egg last month on his farm. "It's really something," Russell said. "If you want to know the truth, I can't put it into words." Russell said he hasn't decided whether to apply for a Guinness World Record. (AP)

"Why don't you leave Yvonne alone, she's only a runaway cow ... You wild cow, don't let them take your freedom."

—**LYRICS BY GNADENKAPELLE,** A GERMAN BAND WHOSE SONG ABOUT YVONNE THE RUNAWAY COW BECAME AN INSTANT RADIO HIT. THE COW IS A POPULAR MEDIA TOPIC IN GERMANY.

SPORTS

Hundreds of Unathletic, Nerdy Teens Badly Bruised

Hundreds of people participated in a dodgeball game Saturday that organizers hope will land Detroit a world record. Final numbers for "Dodgeball in the D" weren't available Sunday. The current record of 2,136 was set earlier this year. Organizers plan to submit the attempt to Guinness for world-record consideration. (AP)

The Big Picture

FABRICE COFFRINI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

DRIVE THE WAVES: Amphibious-car owners gathered in Saint-Blaise, Switzerland, this past week for their annual celebration of autos that work on the road and in the water. (GETTY)

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THIS WEEK

DSK Hearing

Media reports suggest that New York prosecutors will recommend the dismissal of all charges against former IMF director Dominque Strauss-Kahn, on trial for sexual assault, at a hearing on Monday.

Memorial Dedication

The official dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in West Potomac Park in Washington will be Sunday, the 48th anniversary of the March on Washington.

Bernanke's Report

Investors eager for good news on the economy hope Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's speech on Friday will announce, or at least preview, further steps to help the economy.

GOP Favors Payroll Tax Increase

Republicans oppose president's plan to extend temporary cuts

Washington

News flash: Congressional Republicans want to raise your taxes.

Impossible, right? GOP lawmakers are so virulently anti-tax, surely they will fight to prevent a payroll tax increase on virtually every wage-earner starting Jan. 1, right?

Apparently not.

Many of the same Republicans who fought hammer-and-tong to keep the George W. Bush-era income tax cuts from expiring on schedule are now saying a different "temporary" tax cut should end as planned. By their own definition, that amounts to a tax increase.

The tax break extension they oppose is sought by President Obama. Unlike proposed changes in the income tax, this policy helps the 46 percent of all Americans who owe no federal income taxes but who pay a "payroll tax" on practically every dime they earn.

There are other differences as well, and Republicans say their stand is consistent with their goal of long-term tax policies that will spur employment and lend greater certainty to the economy.

"It's always a net positive to let taxpayers keep more of what they earn," says Rep. Jeb Hensarling, "but not all tax relief is created equal for the purposes of helping to get the economy moving again." The Texas lawmaker is on the House GOP leadership team.

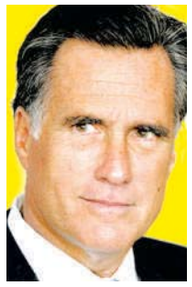
The 12-month tax reduction will cost the government about $120 billion this year, and a similar amount next year if it's renewed.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says payroll tax reductions give the economy a short-term boost. But it says the benefit is bigger if employers get the tax break instead of, or along with, workers.

CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Obama said cutting payroll taxes would give families "an extra $1,000 to spend."



GOP Candidates Tread Lightly

Mitt Romney did not flatly rule out an extra year for the payroll tax cut, but he "would prefer to see the payroll tax cut on the employer side" to spur job growth, his campaign said. Newt Gingrich said Republicans will fall under increasing pressure to extend the payroll tax cut. If they refuse, he said in a recent speech, "we're going to end up in a position where we're going to raise taxes on the lowest-income Americans the day they go to work." (AP)

Between the Lines

At issue is a tax that the vast majority of workers pay, but many don't recognize because they don't read, or don't understand their pay stubs. Workers normally pay 6.2 percent of their wages toward Social Security. Their employer pays an equal amount, for a total of 12.4 percent per worker. As part of a bipartisan spending deal last December, Congress approved President Obama's request to reduce the workers' share to 4.2 percent for one year; employers' rate did not change. Obama wants Congress to extend the reduction for an additional year. If not, the rate will return to 6.2 percent on Jan. 1. (AP)

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Economy Fears Spiral

Stock market's recent fall fuels more chatter of another recession

New York

The stock market is starting to feed economic fear, not just reflect it.

Stocks have fallen four weeks in a row. Some on Wall Street worry that the resulting blow to confidence, not to mention 401(k) statements, has set off a spiral of fear that could push prices even lower, cause people and businesses to pull back and tip the economy into a new recession.

"I'm nervous that fear will lead companies to stop hiring and people to stop spending," says Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist of Wells Capital Management, famous for his usually bullish take on the markets.

Don't Fret Yet

With all the high emotion surrounding stocks, economist Joel Naroff cautions investors not to read too much into the recent swings. He says that stocks have a habit of running from one extreme to the other, as they did in the spring, when he thought they were far too high. He thinks stocks may be fairly valued now. They reflect an "economy that is growing but not growing at any great pace," he says. "It is not in recession." **(AP)**

A home sales report last week showed that more sales than usual fell apart at the last minute, which suggests plunging stocks and dismal economic news gave buyers cold feet.

Beth Ann Bovino, senior economist at Standard & Poor's, says that another big plunge in stocks could "push us closer to the brink."

The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index ended Friday at 1,123.53, down 5 percent for the week. The average is down 16 percent during the four-week losing streak. One reason for the drop is fear that another recession, if not certain, is more likely now.

The run of bad economic news started last month when the government said the economy grew much more weakly in the first half of this year than thought.

Although unemployment remains stubbornly high, at 9.1 percent, there are signs that the economy is still growing. Retail sales grew in July at the fastest pace since March. Employers added 117,000 jobs last month — a modest gain, but far better than the hundreds of thousands of jobs lost each month during the Great Recession. **(AP)**

In Brief

LINWOOD, N.J.

N.J. Community Grieves After 4 Teens Die in Crash

Mainland Regional High School and its community were grappling Sunday with a hard reality: four players on the football team were dead and four others were injured in an SUV crash on the way to a team meal. The driver, Case Brenner, 17, apparently lost control of the vehicle Saturday on the Garden State Parkway. **(AP)**

SAN FRANCISCO

Police Look For Suspects After 2 Shot at NFL Game

Police sought suspects Sunday after gunfire erupted the night before in a stadium parking lot following a San Francisco 49ers NFL preseason game, injuring two men. One man was shot several times in the stomach. Another man sustained lesser injuries in a separate shooting, police said. It wasn't known whether the same assailant or assailants were responsible for both attacks. **(AP)**

RICARDO ARDUENGO/AP

A surfer watches Tropical Storm Irene approach Puerto Rico on Sunday.

PATILLAS, PUERTO RICO

Tropical Storm Irene Nears Puerto Rico

Tropical Storm Irene barreled toward Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on Sunday, packing heavy rains and winds. The fast-moving storm, tracking west-northwest at roughly 18 mph, was taking an unpredictable path that left people anxious about the winds and rain to come. **(AP)**

Study: 5K Kids Hurt Each Year In Window Falls

Chicago

More than 5,000 U.S. children and teens are injured each year in falls from windows, according to a study that suggests the problem stretches beyond urban high-rises.

The research found many children fall from first- and second-story windows.

"This is more than just a big-city problem," said author Dr. Gary Smith of Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio

The study, appearing Monday in the journal Pediatrics, is the first nationally representative study of such injuries. Fewer than 1 percent of the cases led to deaths, but the researchers said the tally likely underestimated fatalities because not all children who die from their injuries are brought to the hospital. **CARLA K. JOHNSON (AP)**

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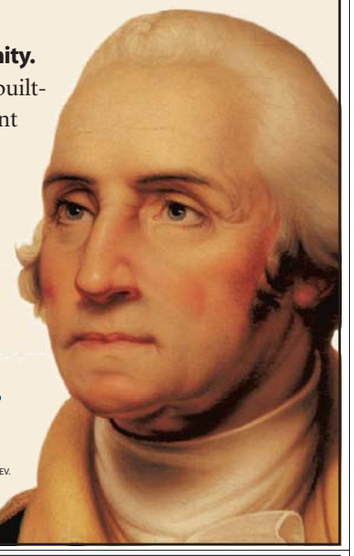

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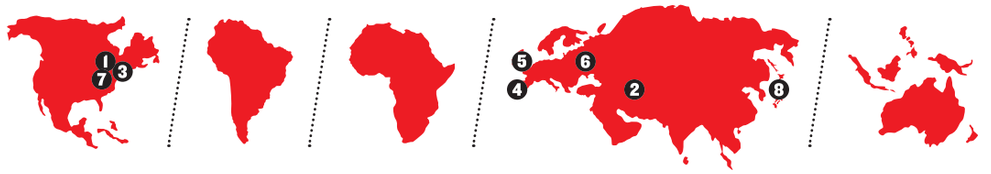

1 UNITED NATIONS

U.N.: Famine Threatens 300K Children in Africa

More than 300,000 children in the Horn of Africa are severely malnourished "and in imminent risk of dying" because of drought and famine, the head of the U.N. children's agency said Friday. The U.N. said tens of thousands of people already have died there. **(AP)**

2 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

8 Slain in Taliban Assault On British Compound

Taliban suicide bombers stormed a U.K. compound in Kabul on Friday, killing eight people in an eight-hour firefight as two teachers and a bodyguard hid. The assault came on the 92nd anniversary of Afghanistan's independence from Britain, and the Taliban called it a warning to outsiders in the ongoing war. **(AP)**

3 NEW YORK

Verizon Union Ends Strike

Thousands of striking Verizon workers will return to work starting Monday night, though their contract dispute isn't over. The company and the union say they will negotiate a new contract. About 45,000 employees went on strike after their contract expired on Aug. 7. **(AP)**

DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

4 In Spain, Vigilance Abides

A priest prays Sunday among pilgrims in Madrid attending the Catholic Church's World Youth Day prayer vigil, which was led by Pope Benedict XVI. An estimated 1.5 million youths flocked to Spain for the event, which is held in a different city every three years.

5 "Many of these people are from families that are profoundly dysfunctional, operating on completely different terms from the rest of society, either middle class or poor."

— **TONY BLAIR,** FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, ON SUNDAY REJECTING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THAT THIS MONTH'S RIOTS WERE CAUSED BY THE COUNTRY'S MORAL DECLINE.

6 MOSCOW

Russia Refuses to Join Calls for Assad's Ouster

Russia's Foreign Ministry on Friday cautioned the West against encouraging the Syrian opposition, saying it doesn't support Western calls for President Bashar Assad to resign. A ministry statement said Russia believes Assad must be given time to fulfill promises of reform as he has made "significant steps." **(AP)**

7 PITTSBURGH

A woman surveys the scene of a flash flood in Pittsburgh that killed four people during rush hour Friday. (AP)

8 TOKYO

15.8%

The approval rating in Japan for Prime Minister Naoto Kan, a record low since he took office last year. Kan, who has been blasted for his handling of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, has said he plans to step down. **(AP)**

World

In Brief

BERLIN

Germany: 'Eurobonds' Will Not Fix Debt Crisis

German Chancellor Angela Merkel insisted Sunday that eurozone-wide government bonds wouldn't solve the debt crisis, and said she sees no sign of a new recession in her own country, Europe's biggest economy. Germany, citing legal objections among others, has led opposition to "eurobonds," viewed by some as a solution to the debt crisis. (AP)

PARIS

Strauss-Kahn's Accuser 'Depressed,' Lawyer Says

The maid who accused ex-International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault feels "abandoned" by Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, her attorney said Sunday. In an interview with France's RTL radio, a day after he said he feared Vance would drop the charges, Kenneth Thompson said his client "is depressed." (AP)

RESOLUTE BAY, NUNAVUT

3 Healing After Plane Crashed in the Arctic

Three survivors of a plane crash in Canada's Arctic region were recovering Sunday as investigators sought to determine what caused the Boeing 737-200 jet to slam into a hill in foggy weather, killing 12 people on Saturday. (AP)

Hearsay

"The one thing that Canada really has over the United States is the queen."

—**HUGO VICKERS,** A ROYAL HISTORIAN IN LONDON, SPEAKING ABOUT CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER'S CONTROVERSIAL MOVES TO EMBRACE THE BRITISH MONARCHY, INCLUDING HIS DECISION LAST WEEK TO RESTORE THE ROYAL NAME TO THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES. WITHOUT THE MONARCHY, VICKERS SAID, THERE ARE FEARS THAT CANADA WOULD "ALMOST BE A SUB-STATE OF AMERICA" AND LOSE ITS IDENTITY.

Assad Maintains a Steely Stance

As pressure mounts, Syrian leader denies threats to his regime

Beirut

Syrian President Bashar Assad said Sunday his regime was in no danger of collapse and warned against any foreign military intervention in his country as the regime tries to crush a 5-month-old uprising.

In his fourth public appearance since the revolt erupted in March, Assad insisted that security forces were making inroads against the uprising.

"It may seem dangerous ... but in fact we are able to deal with it," he told state-run TV. It marked the first time he has agreed to take questions, though the state-owned network is a mouthpiece for the regime.

Assad has come under mounting criticism over the brutal military offensive that has used tanks, snipers and gunboats to try to crush the uprising. Most recently, the United States and its European allies on Thursday demanded he step down. Late Saturday, former ally Turkey called Syria's situation "unsustainable."

Human rights groups and witnesses accuse Syrian troops of firing on largely unarmed protesters and say more than 2,000 people have been killed.

In the interview, Assad also said he expected a parliamentary election to be held in February 2012, along with a series of reforms that would let political groups other than his Baath party to participate.

Assad's remarks were unlikely to have much resonance with Syria's opposition, which says it has lost all confidence in his overtures for reform.

The interview was similar in tone and content to other speeches he gave in the past few months in which he tried to portray confidence, stressing Syrian sovereignty and insisting the unrest was being driven by a foreign conspiracy.

On Sunday, Assad also brushed off President Obama's condemnation, saying it has "no value."

He warned against Libya-style military intervention, saying there will be repercussions should any country interfere. There have been no serious international plans to launch such an operation. (AP)

Backstory

When Bashar Assad inherited power in Syria in 2000, many saw him as a fresh face who could transform his father's stagnant dictatorship into a modern state ready to engage with the world. Now, the government crackdown has extinguished the once-popular image of Assad as a reformer, and the unrest has forced Assad, now 45, to face the most severe international isolation of his family's 40-year rule. (AP)

A Rush for Healing in Afghanistan

JOHANNES EISELE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A U.S. ARMY MEDIC CARRIES Semena, a 10-year-old Afghan girl, to a helicopter to be airlifted Sunday to a hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, to treat shrapnel wounds to her arms. Meanwhile, in an attempt to end a nearly yearlong voting scandal, Afghan officials recommended nine parliamentarians be removed from office due to election fraud allegations.

57 **The number of recruits training to become marines in Brazil** who have been hospitalized with breathing and kidney problems in Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian navy said Sunday. The cause of the illness is unclear, and an investigation is ongoing. (AP)

Lawyer: Hikers Plan to Appeal Verdicts In Iran

Tehran, Iran

Relatives of two American men arrested more than two years ago in Iran said Sunday that the news they had received eight-year prison sentences for spying hit them hard, but they remain hopeful the men will eventually be released.

Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal were sentenced Saturday to three years for illegal entry into Iran and five years for spying for the U.S. The two were arrested in July 2009 near the Iraq-Iran border along with a third American, Sarah Shourd, who was released in September on $500,000 bail and returned to the U.S. All three deny the charges.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the U.S. is "deeply disappointed" by the sentences.

The Americans' Iranian lawyer said Sunday that he would appeal the verdict and sentences. (AP)

World

Hamas: Militants OK Cease-Fire With Israel

Rising Gaza unrest threatens to unravel Israeli-Egyptian ties

Jerusalem

Gaza militants agreed to a cease-fire with Israel to stop spiking violence, a Hamas official said Sunday, after a deadly attack on Israelis near the Egypt-Israel border set off a three-day round of Israeli airstrikes and rocket barrages from Gaza.

The flareup also threatened Israel-Egypt relations, after Egypt said five of its policemen were killed as Israel pursued the militants responsible for killing eight people Thursday. Egypt complained as thousands demonstrated in Cairo, and Israel apologized.

The Hamas official said Sunday that militant groups in Gaza agreed that the truce would go into effect Sunday evening. Hamas would enforce the agreement brokered by Egypt, the official said. A spokesman for Israel's government would not comment.

Alongside the diplomacy, Israel threatened to intensify its attacks if the rocket barrages continue.

Large-scale Israeli military operations in Gaza would create new friction with the Muslim world at a time when Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is preparing to ask the U.N. to recognize an independent Palestinian state. A major Israeli offensive in Gaza could hurt the Jewish state's efforts to minimize world support for the Palestinian statehood bid.

Hamas, backed by Iran, opposes both peacemaking with Israel and Abbas' statehood bid. (AP)

Meanwhile ...

With an Egyptian flag over his shoulder, a carpenter climbed the 21-story Israeli Embassy in Cairo at dawn Sunday. Ahmed al-Shahat ripped down Israel's flag, replacing it with Egypt's as thousands of protesters cheered. The so-called "flagman" resonates with Egyptians angered not only by Israel's killing of five Egyptian policemen on Thursday, but by Israel's treatment of Palestinians and their own government's past support of Israel. By late Sunday, the Egyptian flag remained hoisted above the Israeli Embassy, which had no immediate comment. (AP)

SCIENCE

Lasting Impressions

The hunt for the most ancient example of life on Earth has a pungent new contender: Sulfur-belching microbes fossilized in 3.4 billion-year-old Western Australian sandstone. The find bodes well for the search for life on Mars, researchers say. The newly described "microfossils" hail from 200 million years earlier than the next oldest example of fossil microbes, announced last year. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Tens of thousands of Libyans celebrate in Benghazi on Sunday upon news that rebel fighters had converged on Tripoli in an appararent climatic moment of the six-month-long civil war.

Rebels Flood Tripoli

As the opposition reaches the capital, Libya's civil war may be at a tipping point

Tripoli, Libya

Euphoric Libyan rebels raced into the capital Tripoli on Sunday and moved close to center with little resistance as Moammar Gadhafi's defenses collapsed and his regime appeared to be crumbling fast.

Associated Press reporters with the rebels said they moved easily from the western outskirts into the regime stronghold in a dramatic turning of the tides in the six-month-old Libyan civil war. A rebel leader said the unit in charge of protecting Gadhafi and Tripoli had surrendered and joined the revolt, allowing the opposition force to move in freely.

"They will enter Green Square tonight, God willing," said Mohammed al-Zawi, a 30-year-old rebel who entered Tripoli. Green Square has been the site of night rallies by Gadhafi supporters throughout the uprising.

Earlier in the day, the rebels overran a major military base defending the capital, carted away truckloads of weapons and raced to Tripoli with virtually no resistance.

Gadhafi's whereabouts were unknown. But he delivered a series of defiant audio messages broadcast on state television. He was not shown in the messages. In the latest one, he acknowledged that the rebels were moving into Tripoli and warned the city would be turned into another Baghdad.

He called on his supporters to march in the streets of the capital and "purify it" from "the rats."

The rebels' surprising and speedy leap forward, after six months of largely deadlocked civil war, was packed into just a few dramatic hours. In villages along the way that fell to the rebels one after another, mosque loudspeakers blared "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great." By nightfall, they had advanced more than 20 miles to Tripoli.

Thousands of jubilant civilians rushed out of their homes to cheer the long convoys of pickup trucks packed with rebel fighters. Some of the fighters were hoarse, shouting: "We are coming for you, frizz-head," a mocking nickname for Gadhafi.

Once they reached Tripoli, the rebels took control of one neighborhood, Ghot Shaal, on the western edge of the city. They set up checkpoints as a convoy of more than 10 trucks rolled in.

The rebels moved on to the neighborhood of Girgash, about a mile and a half from Green Square. They said they came under fire from a sniper on a rooftop in the neighborhood.

The uprising against Gadhafi broke out in mid-February, and anti-regime protests quickly spread across the vast desert nation with only 6 million people. A brutal regime crackdown quickly transformed the protests into an armed rebellion. Rebels seized Libya's east, setting up an internationally recognized transitional government there, and two pockets in the west, the port city of Misrata and the Nafusa mountain range.

Since the start of August, thousands of rebel fighters, including many who fled Gadhafi-held cities, joined an offensive launched from the mountains toward the coast. The fighters who had set out from the mountains three weeks ago rushed toward Tripoli on Sunday, start out at dawn from a village just east of the coastal city of Zawiya. Only a day earlier had the rebels claimed full control of Zawiya, an anti-regime stronghold with 200,000 people and Libya's last functioning oil refinery. **(AP)**

"The time is now to fight for your politics, your oil, your land. I am with you in Tripoli — together until the ends of the earth."

— **MOAMMAR GADHAFI,** DELIVERING A TERSE STATEMENT SUNDAY AS REBELS APPROACHED TRIPOLI.

Inside Tripoli

As Libyan rebels moved into the capital Tripoli on Sunday, opposition leaders said that Moammar Gadhafi's son and one-time heir apparent, Seif al-Islam, above, had been arrested. No further details were given, and the report was unconfirmed. Meanwhile, clashes erupted for a second day between rebel "sleeper cells" and Gadhafi loyalists. A rebel who spoke to relatives in Tripoli by phone said hundreds rushed into the streets in anti-regime protests in several neighborhoods.

International Reaction

Germany and France urged Moammar Gadhafi to step down immediately as rebels advanced on the Libyan capital of Tripoli on Sunday.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in an interview with ZDF television that it would be "good if he would give up as quickly as possible" to avoid further bloodshed.

Meanwhile, **French President Nicolas Sarkozy** urged Gadhafi to "spare his people further useless suffering" by stepping down immediately. He added that the outcome of the six-month-long conflict "is no longer in doubt." **(AP)**

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Indeed, the many (not all), His chosen *(Eph. 1:4)*, His elect *(Rom. 8:33),* those whom He predestinated, called, justified and will glorify *(Rom. 8:30)* on the last day, are they, "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9), whose sins are eternally washed away by the blood of the Lamb.

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Fare Crackdown on VRE

System gets tougher on punishing riders not paying for a trip

Washington

New to the Washington area and its notorious commutes, Cheryl Rouland was eager to find the easiest way to get to work in Southeast Washington after moving to Manassas in June. She tried Virginia Railway Express.

While riding the train home from L'Enfant Station one day, Rouland received a $100 fine for fare evasion. She was dumbstruck, she said, because she had bought a roundtrip ticket that morning.

Rouland was cited because she had failed to validate the afternoon portion of her "two-ride" ticket, which under state law is considered riding the train without payment.

"I thought if I bought the two-ride it was going to save me a validation step," said Rouland, 49, a technical writer from Cleveland. "I was not sitting on a train trying to cheat a train system out of a ticket."

Rouland's case is part of a crackdown on fare evaders on VRE, which also is targeting passengers who ride the train outside of their designated zones or use counterfeit tickets, a violation that carries a fine of up to $500.

VRE loses $100,000 to $120,000 a year to people who cheat the system, said spokesman Mark Roeber, who added that fares make up more than 60 percent of the system's revenue.

VRE riders have been required to have their tickets stamped with the time and date at kiosks since the commuter rail service formed in 1992. Because riders can openly board a train, validating tickets is the only way to know that they have paid for their trip, Roeber said. Signs posted at every VRE station tell riders to validate their tickets before boarding.

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

VRE loses as much as $120,000 a year to people who cheat the system, officials say.

"It's just like a speeding ticket: Sometimes the cop will give you a ticket, sometimes he won't."

— **PETER GILLIS,** A VRE RIDER WHO WAS FINED IN JUNE AFTER HE FORGOT TO VALIDATE HIS 10 TRIP PASS.

Strict enforcement began soon after VRE dropped Amtrak and hired Keolis Rail Services America to operate its trains, Roeber said. The number of court cases related to validation offenses has increased since Keolis took over in July 2010.

Last month, which marked the end of the first year of Keolis' contract, there were 19,000 riders and 176 VRE cases, compared with 16,000 riders and 73 cases under Amtrak in July 2009.

Some Amtrak conductors strictly enforced the rules, but "tolerance for writing tickets was lower," Roeber said.

VRE's "CEO addressed the issue numerous times with Amtrak but didn't have the same receptive feedback with Amtrak as we did with Keolis," he added.

Despite the crackdown, some riders continue to get warnings.

Peter Gillis, 48, was fined in June when he forgot to validate his 10-trip pass. Since then, he has witnessed two other riders get off with warnings.

"That kind of miffed me a little bit," said Gillis, who lives in the Gainesville area. "It's just like a speeding ticket: Sometimes the cop will give you a ticket, sometimes he won't."

Most violators pay their fines and move on. And then there are riders like Rouland, who is boycotting VRE.

This month, Rouland tried to challenge her ticket before an Alexandria General District Court judge. She was found guilty and ordered to pay $181, including court costs.

"I just moved here, and they sucked away my whole first day's wages," Rouland said after court.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Gray Says City Will Not Tolerate Flash Mob Crime

D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray says the city won't tolerate flash mob robberies like those seen in recent days in Northeast Washington. Early Thursday morning, at least 10 girls entered a Benning Road convenience store and stole about $70 worth of snacks and other items. Images of the group were posted online. Gray says D.C. police will pursue criminal charges against those involved. (AP)

TEMPLE HILLS, MD.

Man Dies From Burns After Power Lines Fall

Authorities say a 19-year-old D.C. man died after a utility pole snapped and power lines fell. The incident early Saturday in Temple Hills was believed to be related to strong thunderstorms Friday night. Prince George's County fire officials say 19-year-old Indy Saunders had crush injuries and suffered burns to more than half his body. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

Feds to Sample Va. Water For Brain-Eating Amoeba

Federal authorities are asking for samples of Virginia waterways in an attempt to develop a test for detecting deadly microscopic amoeba. Health officials say two children and a young man have died this summer from a fatal infection known as primary amoebic meningoencephalitis stemming from a brain-eating amoeba that lives in water. (AP)

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O'Malley Open to Md. Tax Hikes

Gov. says increases may come to close state's $1B budget gap

Ocean City, Md.

Gov. Martin O'Malley said Saturday that tax increases could be necessary next year because Maryland faces a $1 billion budget shortfall as well as great uncertainty about how Congress' action to reduce the federal debt will impact the state.

Speaking to a conference of county leaders, O'Malley, a Democrat, offered no specifics but said he will consider a range of "new revenues" to help close a projected budget gap that is likely to grow in December after the new bipartisan congressional "supercommittee" completes its work.

"Any further help from Washington, I think you would agree … that's pretty doubtful," O'Malley said.

"In fact, more likely is a lot more serious hurt. … We will have to make more cuts, and at the same time, to protect our children's future, we must be open to new revenues."

O'Malley said he will pursue "a balanced approach" to preserve investments in education and programs that spur job creation, in contrast to that of what he called "the obstructionist, economic saboteurs in Congress."

BRIAN WITTE/AP

Md. Gov. Martin O'Malley addresses the Maryland Association of Counties.

Talk of a possible tax increase brought a swift rebuke from Senate Minority Whip E.J. Pipkin, R-Queen Anne's, who was in the audience.

"What planet does he live on?" Pipkin asked reporters afterward. "We have people who are trying to make ends meet. … I don't think Maryland, by any objective benchmark, is undertaxed."

The governor's speech at the closing session of the Maryland Association of Counties punctuated a four-day conference at which uncertainty was an underlying theme.

After his remarks, O'Malley declined to discuss which revenue increases are on the table.

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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WILLIAM R. CONWAY, president and CEO of hotel developer SharCon Management, stands outside the Holiday Inn on New York Avenue NE, which is among several newly renovated or newly built hotels, including Comfort Inn and Fairfield Inn, on the corridor. It's a stretch of the District better known for traffic jams and seedy history than hospitality. | **postlocal.com**

Toddler Shot By Stray Bullet, Md. Police Say

Landover, Md.

Prince George's County police have identified a person of interest in the shooting of a toddler.

Police say the boy, who's less than a month shy of his 2nd birthday, was hit in the face by a stray bullet during a gunfight between two individuals at a Landover-area apartment complex.

The boy was in his mother's arms when he was shot around 9:15 p.m. Saturday. He remains in critical condition.

Police are now trying to find 18-year-old Deven Matos. He's not a suspect, but detectives want to question him.

Police Chief Mark Magaw says police are devoting extensive resources to finding the people involved in what he calls "a senseless act of violence." (AP)

Remember the Ride: Amtrak is opening a new exhibit at Washington's Union Station to recount the history of the "Great Migration" of Southern blacks moving to the North early in the 20th century. Between 1915 and 1970, about 6 million African Americans moved from the South to the North. Many made the journey by passenger or freight train, which provided the connection for Amtrak. The exhibit opens Monday at Union Station. (AP)

Money

HP Faces the Music, Cuts Its Losses

Outdone by Apple, the tech company ditches smartphones and tablet computers

Technology

Hewlett-Packard's decision to surrender in smartphones and tablet computers and possibly get rid of its personal computer business underscores how Apple has transformed consumer electronics in just four years.

HP's new CEO, Leo Apotheker, is now trying to turn the Silicon Valley stalwart into a twin of East Coast archrival IBM Corp. In doing so, he is acknowledging that his company has failed to balance the demands of both the consumer and corporate markets. As a result, it needs to exit most of its consumer businesses, just as IBM did six years ago.

Apple is the hottest consumer electronics company on the planet. The iPhone's debut in 2007 brought ease of use and an intuitive design unmatched by predecessors, including smartphone pioneer Palm, which HP bought last year in hopes of getting a foothold in mobile devices. Apple followed in 2010 with the iPad and managed to persuade people to buy a product they never knew they needed.

Rather than remain locked in a futile fight with a company that seems to have found the magic touch on making hit consumer products, HP is whittling its competition to the other business technology specialists — namely, IBM, Oracle Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc.

HP, the largest technology company in the world by revenue, will continue to sell servers and other equipment to business customers, just as IBM now does. Those businesses currently don't generate as much revenue for HP as PCs, but they have higher profit margins.

Apotheker would not say whether any jobs will be cut. HP plans to take a charge of about $1 billion for restructuring and related costs, some of which could go for severance payments. HP employs more than 300,000 people worldwide.

PCs are HP's biggest revenue generator, but the business is also HP's least profitable, a result of falling prices and brutal competition. HP's effort to jettison its PC business is another concession to Apple's increasing dominance, said Shaw Wu, an analyst with Sterne Agee.

"Apple is such a fierce competitor that HP probably realized it was going to have to cut its losses," Wu said. "And it makes sense to cut your losses sooner than later."

JORDAN ROBERTSON (AP)

HEWLETT-PACKARD

Sinking Like a Stone

In less than two months, the HP TouchPad's price shrank by 80 percent. The company announced Thursday it was discontinuing the tablet, then began a liquidation process:

$499 The price of the 16GB HP TouchPad at the time of its July 1 launch — the same price as a comparable iPad 2 model.

$399 The 16GB TouchPad's price after an Aug. 11 price cut amid sluggish sales.

$99 The price of the 16GB HP TouchPad as of Sunday. The product has been the subject of a fire sale, with some outlets, including Best Buy, struggling to keep up with demand. (EXPRESS)

What's To Come

HP's overhaul has three parts:

- HP will stop making tablet computers and smartphones by October.
- It will try to spin off or sell its PC business. By the end of next year, HP computers could be sold under another company's name.
- The company plans to buy business software maker Autonomy Corp. for about $10 billion in one of the biggest takeovers in HP's 72-year history. (AP)

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McNabb's Sea Change

Ex-Redskins QB's transition to the Vikings has been smooth sailing

Pro Football

Donovan McNabb is starting over with a new team for the second time in two years, after experiencing a virtual lifetime — by NFL standards — of stability when he spent his first 11 seasons in the same city playing for the same coach.

The circumstances of this particular career reset couldn't be more unforgiving. Thanks to the 4½-month NFL lockout, McNabb is hurrying through the familiarization process with his new Minnesota Vikings teammates and cramming to prepare for a season opener next month that will come a little more than six weeks after the trade that brought him there from the Redskins.

With so much going on, who has time for any bitterness?

"There's no reason to hold a grudge," McNabb said at the Vikings' training facility after a practice last week. "I don't hold grudges. It's funny that people keep on trickling stuff out. Just let it go. Move on. And that's all I've been doing."

A Quick Study

It has been a whirlwind for McNabb since the trade late last month, on the heels of the lockout, in which the Vikings obtained him from the Redskins for a sixth-round draft choice next spring and a conditional sixth-rounder in 2013.

Initially unable to participate in the team's training-camp practices in Mankato, Minn., until the sport's new labor deal was fully ratified by the players' union, McNabb first participated in workouts at a nearby high school with wide receivers Bernard Berrian, Michael Jenkins and Devin Aromashodu.

Donovan McNabb looked sharp during Saturday's preseason game, leading a 13-play drive that started at the 1 and ended with the first of Ryan Longwell's two field goals. McNabb finished 6 of 8 for 81 yards. (AP)

TED S. WARREN/AP

Since McNabb joined the team's practices, he has been getting a crash course on an offensive system that has been tweaked just for him.

"We tried to do some things that really fit his strengths," said Vikings coach Leslie Frazier, who was Philadelphia's defensive backs coach from 1999 to 2002 — while McNabb was beginning his quarterbacking run of taking the Eagles to five NFC championship games in 11 seasons with the team. "Bill Musgrave is a tremendous offensive mind and he knows exactly what we need to do. So I think we have a system in place that will fit what Donovan does best."

A Failed Experiment

Coach Mike Shanahan and the Redskins traded for McNabb in April 2010. But Mike and Kyle Shanahan apparently grew dissatisfied with McNabb's performance in their offensive system last season, and McNabb was benched in favor of Rex Grossman after 13 starts for the Redskins. While McNabb was in Washington, little to no talk emanated from Redskins Park about tinkering with the offense to tailor it to McNabb's strengths.

McNabb said last week that being in the Vikings' offense "is a much different situation" and "more of a comfortable situation." He spoke of being around "a coach that understands your strengths and the strengths of the team and [works] toward that."

But asked directly about the Redskins, McNabb responded in diplomatic fashion.

"Sometimes you get what you want," said McNabb, who hasn't spoken to Shanahan since the end of last season. "Sometimes it's not what you're looking for. If I wasn't what they were looking for in the system, then so be it. Hey, that's out of my control and the only thing I can focus on is what's in front of me." **MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

It Never Gets Old In Minnesota

Donovan McNabb, at age 34, represents a youth movement for the Vikings after Brett Favre celebrated his 41st birthday last season as the team's quarterback. But the Vikings also made a move for the future at the position, selecting Florida State's Christian Ponder with the 12th pick in the NFL draft. McNabb said he's not bothered by Ponder's status as the team's quarterback of the future, likening it to the Eagles drafting Kevin Kolb while he was in Philadelphia. Kolb, as it turned out, outlasted McNabb by only one season in Philly, losing the starting job last season to Michael Vick and being traded to the Arizona Cardinals. Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said he spoke to McNabb about the situation, adding that he has no plans to rush Ponder into the lineup. (TWP)

Ponder

"OBVIOUSLY LAST YEAR, THE WAY THINGS ENDED, YOU KNOW, WASN'T ANY WAY THAT A PLAYER WANTS THEIR CAREER KIND OF TO BE A SPOTLIGHT ON. IT WAS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME."

— **DONOVAN MCNABB,** REFLECTING ON HIS LONE SEASON AS THE REDSKINS QUARTERBACK.

Sports

Beck Earns Praise, But Not Starting Nod

Shanahan refrains from picking winner in QB competition

The Redskins

For his 30th birthday, John Beck received praise from Redskins coach Mike Shanahan, a dinner out from his family, and several questions from a swarm of reporters.

What the Redskins quarterback didn't get was an answer from Shanahan about whether he or Rex Grossman will start against the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday.

"I haven't made that decision," Shanahan said Sunday.

ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Redskins quarterback John Beck runs with the ball on Friday night in Indianapolis.

Shanahan said he was pleased with the decision-making of Beck, whom the Colts sacked three times Friday in Washington's second preseason game.

"Good quarterback play is taking a sack when you have to take a sack, trying to make something happen when you're able to make something happen," said Shanahan. "And I thought John made some good decisions."

At least Beck held serve in the competition by completing 14 of 17 passes for 140 yards. Grossman threw for 88 yards on 8-of-12 passing in relief.

"He's a gamer," wide receiver Jabbar Gaffney said of Beck. "From everything we do in practice, he was a totally different guy out there on the field in the game.

"His energy level picked up. It picked up a lot. That surprised me ... but I'd say it's a good thing." **(AP)**

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats hope to avoid another thunderstorm-related delay when welcoming the Arizona Diamondbacks to town.

PRO FOOTBALL (8 P.M., MASN) The New York Giants play host to the Chicago Bears in a preseason game.

PRO BASEBALL (7 P.M., MLB) The Philadelphia Phillies leave D.C. but stay in the NL East when facing the New York Mets.

SOCCER (2:55 P.M., ESPN2) Manchester United hosts Tottenham in Premier League action.

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Nats Strike Back Against Phillies

Homer in 9th opens door for an unlikely series win at home

The Nationals

Ian Desmond hit a tying homer with two outs in the ninth inning, then Jonny Gomes was nicked by a pitch from Brad Lidge with the bases loaded in the 10th, giving the Nationals an unlikely 5-4 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on a rainy Sunday.

It was the second improbable victory in three games for the Nationals. They beat the Phillies, who have the best record in the majors, with a six-run rally in the ninth Friday night.

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An RBI single by Michael Martinez put the Phillies ahead 4-3 in the ninth this time. Philadelphia reliever Antonio Bastardo struck out the first two batters in the bottom half before Desmond connected on a 1-2 pitch for his fifth homer.

Ryan Zimmerman, who hit a game-ending grand slam on Friday night, started the 10th with a leadoff double against Lidge (0-1).

AP

Ryan Zimmerman is greeted by Jesus Flores when scoring the winning run.

Michael Morse was walked intentionally and Jayson Werth, after striking out three times, singled to load the bases.

Danny Espinosa fanned for the first out. Gomes was 0 for 4 before getting plunked on his left elbow by a 1-0 pitch to win it.

Sean Burnett (4-5), the sixth Washington pitcher, pitched a scoreless 10th. The win broke a streak of eight straight winning road series by the Phillies.

On track for his NL-leading 16th win and fourth this year against Washington before the rain came, Riy Halladay allowed two runs and seven hits in five innings, striking out five and hitting a batter. **(AP)**

Weekend Rewind

- **Bryce Harper pulled a hamstring that will likely end his first professional season.**
- **Kevin Durant scored 44 points to lead Goodman League's 135-134 victory over the L.A.-based Drew League Saturday.**
- **The Arizona Cardinals agreed to an 8-year, $120M contract with Larry Fitzgerald.**
- **Ryan Zimmerman hit a walk-off grand slam in the Nationals' 8-4 win over the Phillies late Friday.**
- **The Mystics lost 71-70 to the Chicago Sky in another last-second heartbreaker.**

Yankees Win in A-Rod's Return

Pro Baseball

Alex Rodriguez returned to the lineup and Curtis Granderson hit an inside-the-park home run to help the New York Yankees to a 3-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

Rodriguez went 0 for 5 in his first game since July 7, but Mark Teixeira also homered and Ivan Nova (13-4) pitched seven shutout innings as the Yankees took three of four from the Twins.

Nova allowed five hits and struck out five to rebound from a poor start in Kansas City and Mariano Rivera picked up his 33rd save in 38 tries.

Joe Mauer had three hits for the Twins, who lost starter Nick Blackburn in the second inning because of a strained right forearm. Phil Dumatrait (1-2) got the loss in two innings of relief.

In a breakout year, Granderson has launched 34 balls into the seats to help the Yankees weather Rodriguez's absence. But he used his considerable speed to pick up homer No. 35 in the seventh. **(AP)**

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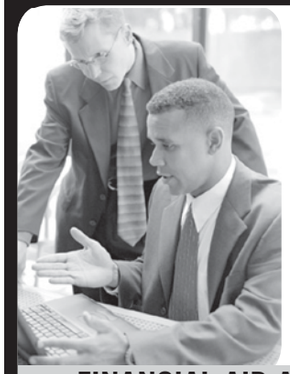

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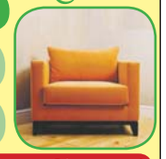

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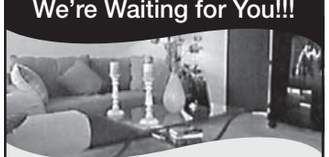

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Booze Clues

Casual Thursday

Beer Week has sadly come and gone, leaving us adrift with a week and a half of August left to get through. More beer? We thought so.

The Kennedy Center's swanky Roof Terrace Restaurant (2700 F St. NW) is hosting a "Dog Days of Summer" beer and barbecue party on Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. You should make reservations at 202-416-8555 or through OpenTable — this is the Kennedy Center, after all. But the restaurant's normally staid demeanor will be replaced by a casual summer vibe (despite the $40 per person price tag). Flip-flops and jeans are actually encouraged (the horror! the horror!), and Joe Gurner, the Roof Terrace's executive chef, will be grilling brats and other BBQ staples while the beer flows freely. Expect music; hopefully, it won't be too hot on the terrace to get down.

By Fiona Zublin

Make Limoncello

This late in the summer, everyone has gotten tired of all the regular downtown happy hours — so restaurants make new ones! Case in point: 701 (701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW) has begun a new summer deal on weekdays from 4 to 7 p.m. through Labor Day: $6 glasses of wine (red, white and sparkling) and $7 cocktails. The cocktails are designed to be fruity but not insipid — the limoncello margarita is snappy and refreshing (and sneak-up-on-you-when-you're-not-looking boozy) and the blood orange martini is pleasantly bitter.

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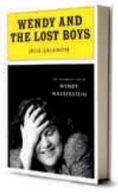
Hiding in Plain Sight

'Wendy and the Lost Boys' is one woman's portrait of an artist's vague transparency

Books

Following playwright Wendy Wasserstein's death in 2006, her close friend, former New York Times theater critic Frank Rich, reflected on the writer whose life had appeared to be an open book: "How could the most public artist in New York keep so much locked up?"



Wasserstein's success was built in part on embracing her neuroses. But, as author Julie Salamon discovered in researching the biography "Wendy and the Lost Boys" ($30, Penguin Press), Wasserstein kept many secrets — about her relatives, her daughter's father, even the leukemia that killed her at age 55.

Did you have any preconceptions about Wendy Wasserstein before you started the book?

I thought of her as this sophisticated uptown New Yorker, very together and well-connected. I was familiar with the neuroses in her plays, but I was not expecting the level of neurosis in her life. I felt I was uncovering a mystery story.

Wasserstein and her family had what you call "secrets that weren't secrets." What's an example of that in her work?

The essay she wrote for The New Yorker, "Complications," about the birth of her daughter, Lucy Jane. It's this moving story of becoming a single mom at 48. I was shocked to find ... not that it's a lie, but it's as if she's hiding in plain sight.

How did Wasserstein's family influence her work?

The most profound influence was her mom, Lola. As this eccentric person, her mother gave her a lot of great material, but also gave her a great drive.

Wasserstein's plays are so associated with baby boomers. Do you think they hold up today?

I really do. Especially with women. From childhood, to questions of career and family, those issues transcend their time. JESSICA ROAKE

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SARA KRULWICH

"Wendy and the Lost Boys" author Julie Salamon uncovers the secrets of groundbreaking playwright Wendy Wasserstein.

Backstory

No Open Book

In the first major biography of playwright Wendy Wasserstein since she died of cancer in 2006, Julie Salamon writes an account of a complex woman who was loyal yet manipulative; seemed like an open book but hid her deepest sorrows; and satirized the nouveau riche but relished the perks of success. (AP)

Weekend Box Office

The Help	$20.5 M
Rise of the Planet of the Apes	$16.3 M
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World	$12 M
Conan the Barbarian	$10 M
Fright Night	$8.3 M
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Crazy, Stupid, Love	$5 M

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Sly Stone, one of pop's most famous recluses, fails to make a comeback to his late-'60s heights in "I'm Back! Family & Friends."

Sly's Strange Saga

'I'm Back!' falls short on being the revival the pop star wanted

Album Review

I'm Back!
Sly Stone

It was supposed to be a comeback of sorts, this strange, disjointed album, Sly Stone's first release of new material since 1982. "I'm Back! Family & Friends" is part star-studded collaborations disc meant to evoke Carlos Santana's career-reinvigorating "Supernatural," part remix disc and part redone greatest hits, with a few new tracks tacked on near the end.

"I'm Back!" feels both abbreviated and padded: There are several unreleased songs, but most of the disc is given over to Stone's hits, represented in two versions: A new version redone, though not usually substantially altered, with help from a guest star (Jeff Beck on "[I Want to Take You] Higher," and Heart's Ann Wilson); and a remixed version.

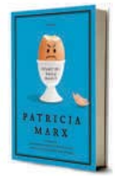
There are entirely credible dance mixes of "Family Affair" (turned into a dubstep jam) and "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin)" (now an electro club banger). It may seem sacrilegious, this bending and mutilating of Stone's hits, but Stone appears to have given up on these songs long ago, and after years of overuse in commercials and karaoke bars, they no longer feel untouchable, they just feel old. **ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Sketch Writer's Girl Meets Boy

Book Review

Patricia Marx, an alumna of the Harvard Lampoon and "Saturday Night Live," is a very funny writer. At The New Yorker, she writes the On and Off the Avenue column, where she delivers high-end shopping tips — gifts for the new college graduate, for instance — wrapped in a late-night-TV-worthy comic monologue.

Marx's latest effort, "Starting From Happy," is a collection of amusing sketches and one-liners disguised as a girl-meets-boy love story.



The girl is Imogene Gilfeather, a workaholic lingerie designer with very little time to waste on a relationship, especially with men who "bantered, postured, preened, equivocated, explained, chewed the fat, played devil's advocate, watched football, cooked their famous lasagna, explored their feelings, asked her lots of questions, or had too much time."

Marx

The boy is Wally Yez, a nerdy scientist fresh out of a relationship and yearning for a date with Imogene. After some agonizing, Imogene agrees to go out with him, and not so long after that, they're in the suburbs raising two children.

"Starting From Happy" is a fast and funny read that is most notable for the way Marx has jazzed it up with just about every stylistic gewgaw in the arsenal of fiction writers who have given up on traditional narrative. **ANN LEVIN (AP)**

Back To the Re-Editing Board

Bravo plans to re-edit "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" after the death last week of the husband of one of the housewives. The second season of the reality show that follows the lavish lifestyles of six women in Beverly Hills, Calif., is set to premiere Sept. 5. Russell Armstrong, the estranged husband of TV housewife Taylor Armstrong, was found dead last Monday of hanging. **(AP)**

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1 Funny and Zooey

When "(500) Days of Summer" was released in 2009, the ads touted it as a different kind of romantic comedy, when in fact it wasn't a romantic comedy at all, just another story of a young man (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) coming of age despite the fickleness of a woman (personified by Zooey Deschanel). As in most of these stories, the object of his affection is more a collection of quirks than an actual character, but the pair have so much chemistry that it hardly matters. ***1851 S. Bell St., Arlington; Mon., dusk, free; Crystalcity.org. (Crystal City)***

2 Talk Quickly To Me, Baby

One of the Coen brothers' least appreciated films is 2003's "Intolerable Cruelty," an homage to 1940s screwball comedies with Catherine Zeta-Jones and George Clooney as a couple who love each other as much as they love duping each other. Their banter alone is worth the price of admission. ***AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring; Mon. and Wed., $7-$11; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)***

3 I'm a Little Bit Country, I'm a Little Bit Rock 'n' Roll

We never thought we'd see Sheryl Crow and Kid Rock touring together — maternal country vibes tend to clash with tattooed man-child rocker style — but hey, if they can make it work we're not going to complain about them doing sweet country-rock duets together. ***Jiffy Lube Live, 7800 Cellar Door Dr., Bristow, Va.; Mon., 7 p.m., $31.50-$81.50; 703-754-6400, Livenation.com.***

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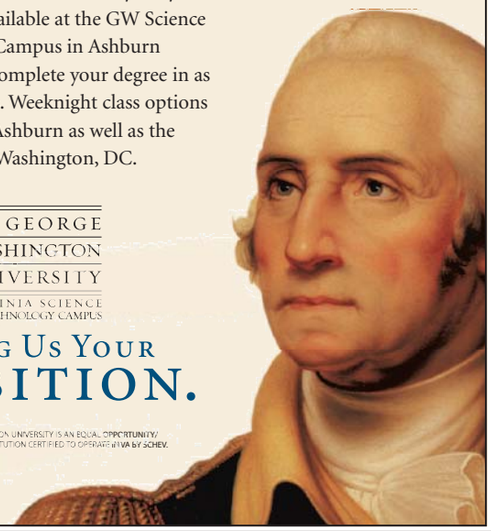

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All Things Automotive

In its 17th season, 'Top Gear' delivers more brutal honesty

Reality Series

BBC 9:00

As "Top Gear" (9 p.m., BBC America) enters its 17th season, the world's most popular car show is as unabashedly critical as it is enthusiastic about all things automotive.

Commercial-driven and product-placement friendly, American television tends to avoid discouraging words about new corporate offerings. If the folks on "Top Gear" think a new car is a dog, they'll let you know. And they're just as likely to wear a paper bag over their heads while testing a lemon they don't want to be seen driving. "Top Gear" was recently featured on "60 Minutes," and the show's bracing honesty goes a long way toward explaining its international appeal and longevity.

Over the course of the new season, hosts Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond will sample a new offering from Aston Martin and test-drive new electric vehicles.

Look for rocker Bob Geldof, comedian Rowan Atkinson and Formula 1 champion Sebastian Vettel to participate in the show's popular comedy and racing feature, "The Star in a Reasonably Priced Car," in which celebrities try to break track records behind the wheels of four-cylinder vehicles that do their strenuous best to earn their modest reputations.

Clarkson will also lead a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar E-Type, arguably one of the coolest cars. Look for plenty of antique Jaguars as well as a brand-new interpretation of the classic, with an $800,000 price tag.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

BBC

Cars of all stripes are pored over on "Top Gear," now racing into its 17th season.

Best Bets

NBC 9:00

American Ninja Warrior Players navigate a supersized obstacle course that pushes them to the limit. The series, inspired by a Japanese show, comes to NBC for its season finale, in which the competitors attempt to make it to the top of Mount Midoriyama.

BRAVO 9:00

The Millionaire Matchmaker David's distaste for career women has kept him from finding it. Patti, left, brings in Tori Spelling to show him the error of his ways. Also looking for love is playboy Brian, who swears he's ready for monogamy.

BRAVO 10:00

Most Eligible Dallas Drew hires a matchmaker to help him dive into the dating scene. Tara dates a popular radio host. Courtney agrees to resolve the awkwardness of the first meeting with Neill. Glenn, right, sees the pictures from his modeling shoot in the new episode.

TNT 10:00

Rizzoli & Isles Mention Salem, Mass., and most people think of the 1692 witch trials. In this new episode, Jane and Maura investigate when the town becomes the site of a new witch hunt. Frankie's former girlfriend is back in town and Jane isn't pleased. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Reality

Beyond the Game

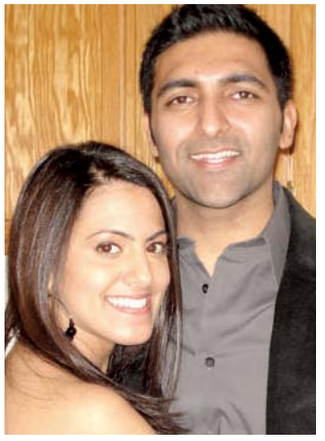
As all NFL players and fans know, injuries are part of the game. They're also part of reality shows about NFL players. Season 3 of "The T.O. Show" (9:30 p.m., VH1) spends extensive time with Terrell Owens as he contends with a serious knee injury. It's like visiting someone in the hospital you never liked that much in the first place. (UCLICK)

John Bower, Katy Novicky

John, 28, works for the U.S. Coast Guard. Katy, 27, is an auditor at the office of inspector general for the Dept. of Transportation. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: A full Catholic Mass Aug. 27, with a semi-formal reception on the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis.
HOW THEY MET: At a college party. "It was shoulder to shoulder, but I immediately made my way over and asked her to dance."
FIRST DATE: The movie "The Real Cancun." They left 30 minutes in.
HOW HE PROPOSED: While she was changing for her birthday dinner, he was in the living room, practicing his proposal for later. But "I was so excited to propose that I popped the question as soon as she came out of her room."
WHEN HE KNEW: "On a fishing trip I got a brand-new lure snagged on my first cast. I was getting ready to cut the line when I heard a splash. Katy rose to the top of the water a few seconds later, holding my lure."
WEDDING JITTERS: Katy's worried their friends will have too much to drink in the two and a half hours between the ceremony and reception.

"I WAS SO EXCITED TO PROPOSE THAT I POPPED THE QUESTION AS SOON AS SHE CAME OUT OF HER ROOM." — JOHN BOWER



Puneet Arora, Avani Patel

Puneet, 29, is an attorney. Avani, 29, is a pharmacist. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: Avani's family's priest is officiating their traditional Hindu ceremony, in Philadelphia on Aug. 27.
HOW THEY MET: Puneet's sister set them up.
FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "She's hot. She won't be interested in me," says Puneet.
FIRST DATE: A sushi restaurant.
HOW HE PROPOSED: In Chicago, on a Lake Michigan beach. "One of our favorite places in the world," Avani says.
THEIR SONG: "Stand By Me." "The movie was my favorite when I was a kid," Puneet says. "One day, when we started dating, Avani asked if that could be 'our song.'"
WHEN HE KNEW: "I remember thinking I wanted to marry her every time she gave me the first bite if we share food, or the last bite if I am staring at her food."
CELEBRATING HERITAGE: As is common in Indian weddings, the groom will arrive on a horse. But "since riding a horse from Puneet's family's home in Chicago to Philadelphia would be pretty hard, our horse is going to go around the block."

Lisa McBride, Tony Rinker

Lisa, 44, works for the U.S. Forest Service. Tony, 44, is a trademark attorney. They live in Springfield, Va.

THE MAIN EVENT: On Aug. 27 at a bed and breakfast in New Mexico, they'll say their vows surrounded by their closest family and friends.
HOW THEY MET: Match.com. "I couldn't sleep, so I logged in and fished his email out of my inbox just before it expired."
FIRST DATE: Lunch and a walk around the Tidal Basin.
FIRST KISS: After dinner in Dupont. "I asked to hold his hand, and he circled around and planted a wet one on me."

HOW HE PROPOSED: On April Fools' Day, in Barbados, where they were vacationing. "The ring was burning a hole in my pocket and I slipped it across the table, blowing Lisa's mind. I might have waited till the next night if I remembered it was April Fools'."
OUR SONG: "Home" by Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes, "because it is sweet, goofy and eclectic, kind of like us," says Tony.
PET NAMES: "Punkin," "Sweetie" and "Sweet Pea."
WHEN THEY KNEW: "I knew on the first date I was in deep," says Lisa. "He's been solid through the tough times and a pleasure to play with in the good times."
MAKING IT UNIQUE: Tony's seven-year-old daughter is the ring bearer; they hired a mariachi band for the reception.

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Friday's Results

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHUT DOWN CELL PHONES?

"No and anyone that says otherwise should move to Cuba, North Korea or China. If you give them the power to shut off our cell phones at will, what will they take next? That is a stifling of our freedom of speech rights."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

"If there is a threat to national security, they should be able to shut them down to mitigate the threat. A cell phone is not a basic right."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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"Women and their families face a daunting set of circumstances, and it doesn't help that America is also famously crappy about paid maternity leave and flex time for working mothers. So, ladies, if you have a child, go into it with a crappy attitude. It will save you the depression that arises from crushing disappointment."

— **JEZEBEL.COM** REACTS TO A STUDY RELEASED SATURDAY BY THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH SHOWED THAT WOMEN WHO WORKED OUTSIDE OF THE HOME FARED BETTER, MENTALLY, THAN THEIR FULL-TIME MOM COUNTERPARTS, BUT WERE GENERALLY DEPRESSED OVERALL.

"She does know that actually being locked behind bars several times has done more damage to her repuation than any lyric Pitbull could come up with, right?"

— **IDOLATOR.COM** IS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT LINDSAY LOHAN IS SUING RAPPER PITBULL, FOR WHAT SHE CALLS A DISPARAGING LYRIC ABOUT HER IN HIS SONG 'GIVE ME EVERYTHING' IN WHICH HE SAYS "I GOT IT LOCKED UP LIKE LINDSAY LOHAN."

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— **NYPL.ORG/BLOG** WISHED WINNIE THE POOH A HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY SUNDAY. THE ORIGINAL POOH STUFFED ANIMAL IS ON DISPLAY AT THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY ON FIFTH AVENUE.

"The original 'pilot' clip of what was then called The Flagstones is kind of wonderful. It distills everything we came to love about that modern stone age family to a minute and a half. Here's hoping the Seth MacFarlane reboot is half as good."

— **BUZZFEED.COM** THINKS THE ORIGINAL CLIP FROM THE CARTOON THAT EVENTUALLY BECAME 'THE FLINTSTONES' IS FANTASTIC.

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Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be in a position to ask for more, but take care that you aren't unrealistic in your demands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Leave the thinking to someone else and you'll find yourself following a path that is not suited to you. Be sure to contribute.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Pay attention to those people who seem to move in ways not dictated by others. This kind of independence is what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) That which you know so well is something completely unfamiliar to most with whom you will come in contact. Teach them well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have to change the way you think about a wholly routine situation. Indeed, you've been making a few erroneous assumptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll enjoy your work, but there may be episodes of distress as you find that not everyone is able to do what you want them to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are far more curious and willing to explore than those around you. It will be up to you to forge the path others will soon take.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The devil is in the details, or so the adage goes — and you'll have good reason to look at all the fine points of a current opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be getting yourself into something that you are unable to get out of easily should the need arise. Use care.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are more interested in where you have been than where you are going, but take care you are not ignoring where you currently are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Activities engaged in with others can be enjoyable, but you're likely to make more personal headway doing certain things on your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're able to see things a bit more clearly, especially when it comes to those things that lie far off, obscured by confusing details.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 195-205, BEST SCORE 272

							1st Letter Double	RACK 1
A1	E1	R1	P3	T1	N1	H4		
								RACK 2
A1	I1	O1	D2	D2	N1	M3		
								RACK 3
A1	E1	I1	O1	N1	S1	V4		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 4
A1	E1	H4	S1	S1	S1	M3		

Yesterday's Solution

W4	I1	S1	E1	G2	U1	Y4	RACK 1 =	92
P3	O1	T1	H4	O1	L1	E1	RACK 2 =	63
C3	O1	C3	O1	O1	N1		RACK 3 =	10
L1	E1	G2	W4	O1	R1	K5	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	230

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		1		9				
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				4	1	8		
8				5			3	

Yesterday's Solution

3	6	2	7	4	8	9	5	1
7	9	1	5	3	6	4	2	8
5	8	4	9	1	2	7	3	6
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9	7	3	4	8	1	2	6	5
6	2	5	3	9	7	8	1	4
8	5	7	2	6	9	1	4	3
4	1	9	8	5	3	6	7	2
2	3	6	1	7	4	5	8	9

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83 | 65

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and comfortable tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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Sunrise today: 6:28 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:54 p.m.
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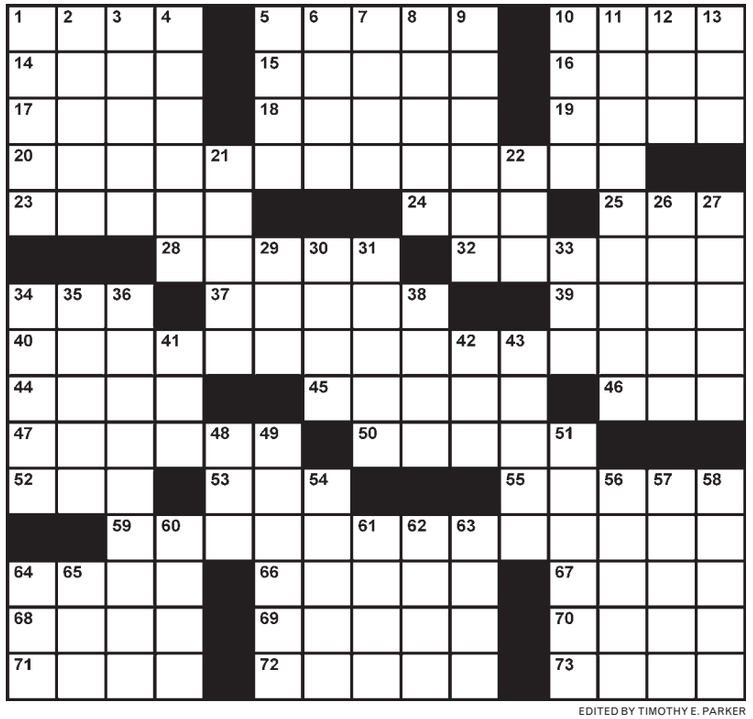

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ACROSS

1 Group of like-minded voters
5 Ulan ___, Mongolia
10 Black cat, supposedly
14 Succotash bean
15 Where some may beat the Heat
16 Tabula ___ (blank slate)
17 Certain Apple
18 Did an electrician's job
19 Catch sight of
20 1972 film for the birds?
23 Revolver in a subway
24 Born, on the society page
25 Car ad letters
28 Carriage return key, nowadays
32 Try again, as a court case
34 Incomparable ending
37 Catlike mammal
39 Bart's teacher Krabappel
40 1993 film for the birds?
44 Prop at a Christmas pageant
45 One putting "punch" in the punch
46 Computer keyboard key
47 Single-named folk singer from Alabama
50 Homer-hitting ability
52 Labor Day mo.
53 Eyeball, e.g.
55 Florists' containers
59 1986 film for the birds?
64 Lens type
66 Louisiana feature
67 Man or Wight, for example
68 Tolstoy's Karenina
69 Silly as a goose
70 "Begin the Beguine" bandleader Artie
71 Suffix with "opera" or "movie"
72 Did some simple arithmetic
73 Search engine count

DOWN

1 Spots on a radar screen
2 Word at the express checkout aisle
3 Man from Muscat
4 Laugh like the Wicked Witch
5 Cry like a baby
6 Solo in "Summertime," e.g.
7 Prison sentence
8 "There's ___ every crowd!"
9 Original "Saturday Night Live" star Gilda
10 Three-part cookie
11 Newspapers, radio, TV, etc.
12 Eerie skill
13 House call?
21 Sell stolen goods
22 "___ whiz!"
26 Group of experts
27 Join plants
29 Up to, informally
30 Really, really bad
31 Newscaster's summary
33 Yonder damsel
34 Character of a culture
35 What umbrellas provide
36 Bell's ringer?
38 Crunchy snack
41 Cooking container
42 Roosevelt's ___ Deal
43 Mark indicating a short vowel
48 Pull along
49 "Lawrence of ___"
51 Salad ingredient, perhaps
54 Consumer's concern
56 Japanese menu item
57 Brilliant achievement
58 Distorts, as data
60 First name in bridge
61 Group of two
62 Work on, as abs
63 Tinted
64 Half of a stitch
65 Lennon's widow

Yesterday's Solution

Today in History

1485 England's King Richard III is killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

1851 The schooner America outraces more than a dozen British vessels to win what's become the America's Cup.

1989 Black Panthers co-founder Huey P. Newton is fatally shot to death in Oakland, Calif.

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WEDDINGS

Among Those Who Married Saturday Besides Kim Kardashian:

Country singer Chely Wright married Lauren Blitzer on Saturday in Connecticut. Wright told People.com she met Blitzer just two weeks after coming out in 2010. Both women wore wedding gowns. Barbecue was served at the reception — "not my influence!" said Wright, who doesn't eat meat. **(EXPRESS)**

EMPLOYMENT

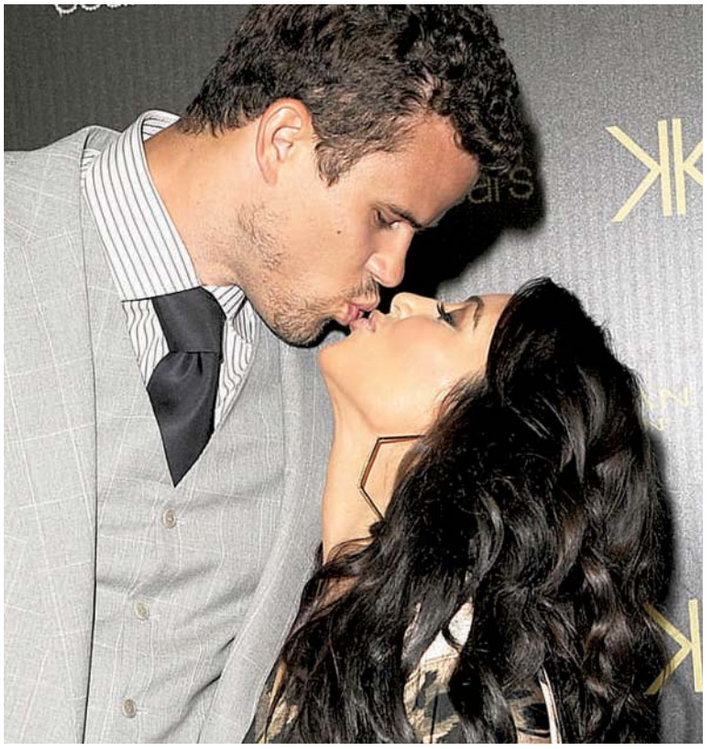
An Amicable Split, We Hope

Jerry Lewis said Saturday that his years with the Muscular Dystrophy Association helped him make his reputation in show business by saving lives. In his first appearance since the announcement that he was no longer the group's national chairman, Lewis accepted a lifetime achievement award from the Nevada Broadcasters Association. He hinted that he could not explain why he and the MDA parted ways. **(AP)**

SHUT UP, MICHAEL LOHAN

'Hey! Over Here! I'm More Washed-Up! Quote Me!'

Nadya Suleman left a celebrity boxing match Saturday night in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The mother of 14 was matched with a local bartender, Cassandra Andersen, Radaronline.com reported. About three dozen spectators looked on as Suleman gave up and ran back to her hotel room. Celebrity boxer Michael Lohan was at the event and said that his next fight will be against former O.J. Simpson house guest Kato Kaelin. **(EXPRESS)**



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WEDDINGS

IT'S FINALLY OVER

Kris Humphries and Kim Kardashian tied the knot Saturday night in the exclusive Montecito area near Santa Barbara, Calif. The ceremony will be televised as a two-part special on E! in October. It is the first marriage for Humphries, who last played for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, and the second for Kardashian, star of E!'s "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." She was married to music producer Damon Thomas from 2000 to 2004. Kardashian wore an ivory gown designed by Vera Wang. It had a tulle skirt, basque waist and Chantilly lace, and was matched with a pair of Giuseppe Zanotti shoes. Her stepfather, Bruce Jenner, walked her down the aisle in front of 440 guests. **(AP)**

Classic Garb!

After the ceremony, Kardashian sisters Khloe, Kourtney, Kendall and Kylie changed out of their Vera Wang bridesmaids' gowns into matching white track suits that said "Team Hump," Usmagazine.com reports.

Live Music!

Robin Thicke introduced the couple as "Mr. and Mrs. Humphries." Kris and Kim danced their first dance to Thicke's "Angels."

Fancy Food!

Wolfgang Puck's menu included buffalo mozzarella and heirloom tomato salad with basil and tomato chips.

Cute Kids!

Kim's nephew Mason Disick, the ring bearer, amused guests by forgetting the rings. "He kept going back up the aisle," a source told Us. "Finally, I think on the third try, he had the rings!"

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